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FOLLOWING REPEAT BONN 7126 ACTION SECSTATE DATED APR 26:

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO USMISSION USBERLIN AND  
AMEMBASSY BERLIN

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR PGOV WB UR US UK FR GW

SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON BERLIN PATROLS

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REFS: (A) BONN 7091; (B) BONN 7090

1. TWO ADDITIONAL CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE TEXT  
OF THE AD REF REPLY TO THE SOVIET DEMARCHE ON ALLIED  
MILITARY PATROLS, AT FRENCH REQUEST.

2. AT THE APRIL 26 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRENCH REP

(BOISSIEU) REPORTED THAT PARIS HAD APPROVED THE TEXT IN REFTEL (A), MINUS THE BRACKETED PORTION IN PARA B, WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS:

-- DE LABOULAYE THOUGHT THAT THE QUESTIONING OF SOVIET MOTIVES DID NOT COME THROUGH STRONGLY ENOUGH AND ASKED THAT THE POINT BE MADE MORE EXPLICITLY IN PARA E. AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TO REWORD THE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA E TO READ AS FOLLOWS (IN THE US VERSION):

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MUST BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE REASONS WHICH HAVE LED THE SOVIET SIDE TO RISK THE STABILITY ACHIEVED BY THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS BY RAISING THIS CRITICAL POINT."

--WITH REGARD TO PARA F, DE LABOULAYE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE DANGERS IN "ACCEPTING" THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR NO PUBLICITY, AS WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT THE MATTER WOULD NOT REACH THE PRESS. FOR THIS REASON, IT WAS AGREED AD REF TO COMBINE THE PRESENT SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES OF PARA F INTO THE FOLLOWING SINGLE SENTENCE:

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES SHARES THAT WISH, AS WELL AS THE WISH EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET SIDE THAT THE SOVIET DEMARCHE SHOULD NOT BE MADE A MATTER OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION."

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3. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE UK REP (HARPER) REPORTED HAVING HEARD FROM THE UK MISSION BERLIN THAT BOTH TAGESPIEGEL EDITOR BOELKE AND SOMEONE FROM THE ASPEN INSTITUTE WERE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PATROLS IN A WAY WHICH SUGGESTED A LEAK.

4. THE UK REP HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THE LATEST DRAFT REPLY. THE FRG REP REPORTS CLEARANCE ALL THE WAY UP THE LINE BUT NOT YET AT "THE HIGHEST LEVEL."

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE TEXT IN REFTEL (A), AS AMENDED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.  
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